Muhamad collects 12 annas and odd for each Kavu, 6 annas and odd each head-load and Rs. 8 or 10 for each cart-load". Has that fact been verified by the Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—From the departmental enquiry made up till now, this has not been brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Whether as a matter of fact he is collecting these amounts mentioned in paragraph 5 of the petition?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It was enquired into by the Sanitary Inspector and he denies this allegation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the name of the Sanitary Inspector who enquired into it?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Mr. Sitarama Ayyar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is he the same individual who was instructing the Government Advocate in the case that is going on between the Government and one Rowther connected with the arecanut market?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I am not in a position to say that now.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Was there not a suit to declare that a license is not necessary for the trade by one of the parties concerned?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There was.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What was the result, if it has been decided?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It was dismissed.

Medical Department—grant of leave.

278. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing the number of cases in which applications for sick, casual and long leave, leave on loss of pay, study leave and furlough leave have been refused in the Medical Department, since Dr. Rao's appointment as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, with the names of applicants, the nature and period of leave applied for and the reasons assigned for refusal?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Vide statement attached. (*Appendix II*)

Pay—Lady Doctors.

279. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the pay which Mrs. Kohlhoff, Miss D'Souza and Dr. P. Gowri Amma were drawing when they went to Europe for higher studies and the pay on which they were started on their return;

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(b) the qualifications and the length of service of the above said persons on the dates of their return from England;

(c) the reasons, if any, for treating them differently as regards their pay;

(d) whether there are cases in which the Government has given the maximum of the grade to persons in other departments especially education who joined the services with, or who subsequently obtained, foreign qualifications, and if so, the names of such persons?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Mrs. Kohlhoff, Rs. 110 in the 100—200 scale.

Miss D'Souza, Rs. 92—8—0 in the 70—100 scale.

Sreemathi P. Gowri Amma, Rs. 100 in the 70—100 scale.

On return.

Mrs. Kohlhoff	Rs. 200
Miss D'Souza	200
Sreemathi P. Gowri Amma	125 in the 125—200 scale.

(b) Mrs. Kohlhoff, L. M. (Dublin)—Service 17 years, 10 months and 15 days.

Miss D'Souza, L. R. C. P. (London), M. R. C. S. (England), L. M. (Dublin)—Service 10 years, 4 months and 3 days.

Sreemathi P. Gowri Amma, L. R. C. P. (London), M. R. C. S. (England), L. M. (Rotanda)—Service 14 years, 8 months and 2 days.

(c) In view of financial stringency.

(d) Yes; Mr. T. C. Sankara Menon
,, P. Kallukaran.
,, T. P. Verghese.
,, I. N. Menon.

Encouragement for English Education among Nambudiri girls.

280. Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to give the total number of Nambudiri girls studying in the English schools in the State;

(2) whether they are aware that Nambudiri girls are very backward in English education, when compared with other communities;

(3) whether they have taken any steps for spreading English education among the Nambudiri girls?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1, 17.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes, a vernacular school purely for Nambudiri girls has been opened at Panjal where English also has been allowed to be taught along with the other subjects. Another school on

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